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GLENDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Nash were called to Baltimore,Md. due to the death of Mrs. Nash's brother, J. T. Burks.

Mr. Paul Nash has gone to Baltimore due to the death of his uncle.

Mr. Tommy Marshall spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tibbs visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tibbs and new baby boy, Mathew Robert, on Monday at Altavista.

Mrs. Jean Nash visited Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nash in Lynchburg on Sunday.

Mr. Elliott Marshall and Mr. Wilson Dowling spent Saturday in Lynchburg at the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Torrence spent the week end home from school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Tibbs visited Mrs. Margurite Ferguson on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Blanks and sons spent Saturday night at Big Island with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall, Jr. and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Jones on Sunday afternoon.

HOLLYWOOD

Mrs. Edna Williams of Pamplin visited Mrs. Ola Gilliam and Mrs. W. T. Covington Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lena Tolly and Mrs. Ruby Motley of Burkeville are spending some time with Mrs. A. G. Hancock and family.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Addie Jenkins and hope she may soon be better. Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jenkins of Lynchburg visited Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Ber Abbitt Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mrs. Richard Carson spent Tuesday in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings of Christiansburg spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and family.

A large crowd attended the shower given Mrs. Billy Franklin in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Franklin Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family.

Much sympathy is extended Mr. Carlyle Scruggs and the Abbitt family in the loss of their love one.

Mrs. Shirley Ragland visited Mrs. James Maxwell Thursday – Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Mrs. Mary Bazby called in this home Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Edwin Schampel and Mrs. Arnold Childers visited Dr. and Mrs. William Fitzhugh and family of Richmond last week. Mrs. Fitzhugh is the former Ellen Childers.

We are so glad to hear Miss Ora Gilbert is improving and hope she may soon be well.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Harris and daughter of Petersburg and Mrs. Edward O'Brien visited Mrs. L. H. Watson Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin and Tom visited Mrs. C. R. Banton during the week end.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith, Mrs. Ola Gilliam and Mrs. W. T. Covington visited Mr. and Mrs. Preston Coleman Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey spent Wednesday night with her daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson of Concord.

Mr. Edwin Schampel has returned home from a two weeks vacation which he made by train to Los Angles, Calif, where he visited his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Art Schampel and family. On his return trip home, he visited another brother , Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schampel of Lombard, Ill. and a sister, Miss Alice Schampel of Evergreen Park, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman Mrs. Ola Gilliam and Mrs. W. T. Covington were luncheon guests Thursday of Mr. Bennett Gilliam of Farmville.

Mrs. T. C. Harvey spent the week end in Madison Heights with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Robinson and family.

Visitors of Mrs. Charlie Bagby during the week end were Mr and Mrs. Clem Woodall, Susan and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and Mr. Leslie Goin.

Jim and Allen Webb were sick last week from food poisoning. They were rushed to the hospital. We are very glad to know they are home and improving.

Women's Day Program Sunday

The 20th Annual Women's Day program will be held at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday evening at 3 p.m. A literary program will be sponsored by several members of the Ladies Aid Club. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Permelia Moore of the public school system of Lynchburg. Several local ladies clubs have been invited to appear on the program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching services at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor delivered a helpful sermon. All who were present enjoyed the message. Music was rendered by the Sr. Choir. Several visitors attended the service.

Plans are being made for the Annual Men's Program to be given at the Galilee Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in May at 3 p.m.

A large crowd attended the regular evening service at the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7p.m. The Jr. Choir rendered music.

A planning meeting of the Hasadiah Baptist Association was held at the Galilee Baptist Church last Saturday at 10a.m. The moderator Rev. H. J. Hendericks presided. Plans for the annual session were made. The program committee made its report. A follow up meeting will be held on May 15 at the Mercy Seat Baptist Church, where final plans will be made by the program committee.

All churches are asked to try to have their Cancer reports ready by the first week in May. A complete report will be made in this column of all churches who make a donation.

The public is cordially invited to attend worship service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The committee on the M. J. Price Scholarship Fund held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Price last Saturday at 2 p.m. Applications for the scholarship were reviewed and evaluated by the committee. A total of $500 was awarded to seniors from Appomattox and Prince Edward counties who plan to attend college. At the close of the meeting a repast was served with Miss E. H. Jordan as hostess.

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Pastor Speaks

The First Message of Jesus Christ

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Matt. 4:17.

This is the way Jesus began His earthly ministry. – "Repent!" He had many things to say but before they could be said the message of repentance must be delivered. Before man can properly evaluate and understand "the other things of God," his relationship to God must be established. "All men are dead in trespasses and sin," declares the Word of God. Death here means that man has no contact or communion with God. Man is in the same state in his relationship to God as the dead man is in relation to the world. He has no communion with the world. Your deceased cannot communicate with you; neither can a sinner commune with God until he receives Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. This act brings salvation to the individual and that person passes from a state of spiritual death to spiritual life and light. The redeemed person is now in a position to communicate with and understand the things of God, for he now has abiding in him the Spirit of God.

The first message of Jesus was a message to bring people into God's family. The key to the individual entering God's family is repentance. This is the perpetual message of God to men. . . . Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3. "God is longsuffering to us – The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance." Rom. 2:4.

From these Scriptures we understand that no man can enter Heaven unless he has repented of his sins and received Christ as his Saviour. "Repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:21. We learn that it is God's goodness and mercy in providing the sacrifice of His Son as an atonement for sin, this should lead us to repentance. When repentance and acceptance of the atonement become active in the sinner's life, God gives him "the power to become the sons of God." John 1:12.

Now we understand why Jesus Christ made repentance His first and dominant subject. He went everywhere preaching repentance. In His message of repentance, Christ was declaring that all men are outside of the family of God until they repent and believe on Jesus Christ. Won't you receive Him as your personal Saviour today?

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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'RIGHT' WITH GOD

Lesson for May 2, 1971

Background Scripture: Amos 5:4-15, 21-24; 9:7-9, 13-15. Devotional Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11.

A radio preacher recently proclaimed that the trouble with the church today is too much emphasis on social issues. In fact, he said, our political, economic, and social issues have nothing to do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. All any of us need to do, he claimed, was to "get right with God through Jesus."

A "right" relationship with God certainly ought to be a Christian's first and foremost concern. Both Old and New Testaments are deeply concerned with helping us to see that this is the most vital of all issues. It is also a sin that our relationship is ruptured, by atonement and grace, that the relationship is repaired, and God's judgment is the evaluation of that relationship.

"Just Save Souls"

The problem arises when we try to define what a "right" relationship with God, Some people hold that it is strictly a personal, individual matter that has nothing to do with our social, political, and economic involvements. These would say simply that our task as the Church is "to save souls and not change society."

Thus one of the reasons that many of us are not too taken with Amos and the other prophets, for often they will not fit into that kind of compartmentalized pattern. Amos, for example, makes it very clear that to be "right" with God, one must "hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate" (Amos 5:15). It is not enough for people to be regular in their worship. In fact, without justice in their community, the worship only makes God angry:

"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them, and the peace offerings of your fatted beasts I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen," (Amos 5:21-23)

If these rituals and modes of worship by themselves cannot please God, what will? "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an overflowing stream" (5:24)! A person cannot claim a "right" relationship with God if he is not compassionate and just in his relationships with his neighbors and fellow citizens, particularly those who cannot help and protect themselves.

A Word For The Pious

Because he is Lord of history, God is concerned for the behavior of men, both as individuals and as members of nations. He sins against his God who is unconcerned, if not actively against inequities among people, or even against injustice in society, God is concerned no less.

Amos makes a scathing indictment:

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who trust in the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations . . ." (Amos 6:1).

Those who have a false security in their "right" way in the world, they worship and trust in Zion in Jerusalem (the capital of Judah) and those who are complacent because of their "right" religion on Mt. Gerezim (the holy mountain of the Samaritans). Given by members of the people of Israel, a false security in being "right" with God.

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